

## AT MEADE BARGAIN SALE

Saving America—Must Sell  
Stock," Slogan of 304th  
Engineers

By Staff Correspondent

Camp Meade, Md., June 21.  
After making the usual rounds of the  
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER writer today dropped into the exchange  
of the 304th Engineers.

Le Mayberry, of Germantown, a  
former P. R. T. employee, greeted the  
writer very cordially. He is one of the  
older clerks in the exchange, or what  
we civilian terms "general store."

"Say," said the soldier-clerk, "you  
are a man I need. Not much of a story  
it, but you know we are selling out  
the business, and as everybody down  
here reads the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,  
why, you can assist us."

Mayberry pointed to freshly painted  
signs that occupied honor places on the  
wall, and then discussed advertising. It  
was evident from the signs that May-  
berry and his co-workers had decided  
to mark prices and that the adver-  
tising from rival posts to tooth  
water was to be sold at frightening low  
prices. The reporter failed to appreciate  
the situation. "Why close such a  
prosperous business?" he asked.

Then Mayberry, who entertained con-  
siderable doubt concerning the value of  
his stock, supplied a human interest  
element that placed his price-cutting  
in a field of its own.

"Leaving America—must sell stock,"  
was his answer to the reporter's query.  
Unconsciously this soldier had hit  
upon one of the National Army cantonments  
throughout the country. Applied to Little-  
ton Penn it is particularly true at this  
time, for the Liberty Division is making  
preparations to leave, but Mayberry and  
his exchange chums are the first of the  
camp's business men to capitalize the  
situation.

"Seems a bit tough," said Joseph M.

Harrison, "to leave this store. I've been  
here many months and really it seems  
like my own business. And besides that,  
I can't go with the boys, for I have  
been doing different work over there."

Harrison is a German town boy, and  
is fighting like sixty to retain his place  
in the regiment, but it is not likely that  
he will succeed. "You know," continued  
Harrison, "there are thousands of new  
men in camp who are not attached to  
the division. They will remain here,  
and if they only knew about this sale  
would help us. And it would help  
them, for we have some genuine  
bargains."

The 304th Exchange, like all other  
exchanges, is run by and for the men,  
and all profits go direct to the regi-  
mental fund that is applied to the needs  
of the soldiers. A peek at the new  
newspapers convinced the reporter that  
they were carrying a real sale. Shows  
that sold for \$6.50 are marked down to  
\$5; thirty-five-cent toothbrushes are  
sold at twenty-five; cordovan puttees,  
originally marked \$14, have been re-  
duced to \$10, and naphtha soap that  
ells at the corner grocer's for eight  
cents is going at five.

The fact is, the regiment is leaving  
America in order to help save Amer-  
ica. Like others at Camp Meade,  
they do not spend much time on war  
conversation. Just at present they are  
trying to swell the regiment's fund by  
selling out the stock of goods in the  
exchange, and the EVENING PUBLIC  
LEDGER reporter promised to help by  
giving publicity to the sale.

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